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FOR YOUNG PSA

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Bao Dai protested again that he had already delayed action on numerous occasions because of understanding that United States position would be forthcoming and that circumstances no longer permitted him to do so. He spoke of commitments made to political factions in Vietnam and of his inability to hold them off much longer. If he didn't act now they would take matters into own hands. He had irrevocable commitment to do something before end this month and will do so.

He would agree, however, not to take action he had planned for today on understanding that we would once more urge speed on Washington and would give him some indication of Washington's reaction to his plan. We suggested that it might be helpful if Embassy officer should see Bao Dai tomorrow to go over whole matter with him in person. Bao Dai welcomed this suggestion and will receive Embassy officer in Cannes tomorrow morning.

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Note: Read by Mr. Hoey (PSA) 10 a.m. 4/27/55 NPL

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